



Message from the Principal - Toddlers, Early Years & Primary



Rachel Crossland
Early Years & Primary Principal

Dear Parent/Guardians,

This week I have had the privilege of conducting learning walks through many classrooms and I have been delighted by what I have seen. Learning has been dynamic, active and engaging and full of energy and fun.

I saw this in abundance in a Year 6 Mandarin lesson. The learning was exciting, productively noisy, and FULL of new vocabulary and concepts, giving a myriad of opportunities to understand, discuss, collaborate, connect and then apply learning.



The process of delivering inspiring teaching and learning is very much like baking a cake. For a great cake to be baked it requires: the correct quality ingredients; the process needs to be carefully planned; a method is observed and followed to ensure it is precise and accurate; there must be a joy and a love of the stirring; it must have just the right temperature and conditions to thrive and bake to perfection. Perhaps most importantly a cake is enjoyed best and is the tastiest when being shared with others. This sums up much of the learning I have seen this week - collaborative, carefully planned, expertly executed and deeply engaging



This week in pictures and words...





Focus on Nursery

This week in Nursery, the children have been learning all about dairy food and where milk comes from - a cow! We explored the different products that milk can be made into and enjoyed a fantastic week of making and tasting together.

The children also discovered that milk can be magic! We carried out a fun science experiment using milk, food colouring, washing-up liquid and cotton buds. When the cotton bud dipped in soap touched the milk, it caused an exciting reaction and the colours moved away. The children were fascinated by the result and loved having a turn to try the experiment themselves.

To bring this learning to life, the children took part in a fun and hands-on activity where they pretended to be farmers milking a cow. We used a pretend cow with glove udders, filled with runny paint, so the children could squeeze and pull to see how “milk” comes out of the udder and into a bowl. This activity was a big hit, and the children loved taking turns and role-playing as farmers.

Alongside learning about dairy, this activity also supported important developmental skills. The squeezing and pulling movements helped to strengthen fine motor skills, while aiming the paint into the bowl encouraged hand-eye coordination. These skills are essential for later tasks such as writing, drawing, and using tools. It has been a fun, hands-on week full of learning, curiosity and excitement!



Ice-Cream Friday!

On the final Friday of each month our Early Years children will get to enjoy ice-cream for their snack in the afternoon. Today was our Early Years Ice-cream Friday!





Happy Birthday Yellow Leopards!

Today we celebrated the Yellow Leopards birthday with a VIP entrance, and several yummy Birthday treats! Our amazing leopards House Lead Teacher led a great assembly which inspired all of the young leopards to use the school values to help the leopards to victory this year! Thank you Mr Caleb for your inspiring words of encouragement.





Continuous Improvements to Our Learning Environment

In the coming months, the school will continue to enhance its learning environment as part of our ongoing commitment to student wellbeing and development. The visuals shared below offer a preview of the improvements currently being planned.

At our school, development is continuous. We regularly review our spaces, facilities, and learning environments to ensure they remain safe, age-appropriate, and supportive of children's physical, social, and emotional growth — particularly during the early and primary years, where these foundations matter most.

Parent feedback is valued and carefully considered as part of this process. These planned improvements reflect our commitment to listening, responding, and investing thoughtfully in areas that have a direct impact on students' daily experience at school.

What defines our approach is a strong focus on holistic education. Learning environments are designed to support exploration, movement, and meaningful interaction — recognising that how children learn is just as important as what they learn.

We appreciate the trust and partnership of our parent community and remain committed to creating a school environment that continues to grow alongside our students, today and into the future.





Global Reef Day

We are extremely excited to invite Mr Piers Baillie founder and director of Global Reef - a marine research and education organisation based in Thailand.

Piers will be with us for a whole day and will be delivering educational workshops for all students from Reception through to Year 8. His presentations will focus on marine organisms, coral reefs and marine conservation.

In addition to the workshops Piers will launch our very first whole school competition. Students will be tasked with designing SBS International Bangkok's first artificial reef. The winning design will be constructed by Global Reef before being deployed in Thailand as part of a government-partnered restoration programme - propagating hundreds of coral.

In addition to the workshops, Piers will be running our very first virtual reality experiences. This optional experience will give students, parents or staff the chance to explore Thailand's coral reefs in 3D, experience scuba diving, and see first-hand the conservation projects Global Reef are working on.

The Virtual Reality sessions will take place after school on Wednesday 11th February

Duration: 20 minutes

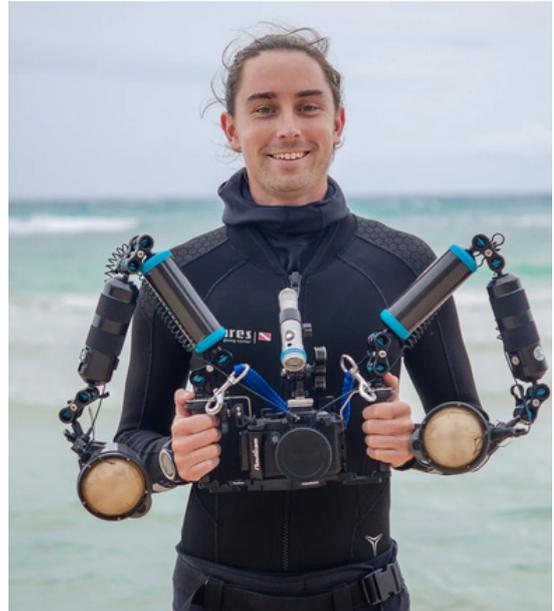
Cost: 500Baht per person (payable on the day)

Spaces Available: 15 spaces per session

Sessions: 4 (3:10PM, 3:30PM, 3:50PM and 4:10PM)

Open to all students from Reception to Year 8, parents and staff at SBS Bangkok.

To avoid disappointment please book today to guarantee your space.



Register Here

For more information about Piers and or Global Reef please visit <https://global-reef.com/>



Artificial Reef Design Competition

More information on the competition will be shared by Piers on Wednesday 11th February - however, in the meantime, get your artistic juices flowing and think about what you want the school's first Artificial Reef to look like.

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Artificial Reef Design Competition

Design an artificial reef to support marine life and help protect our oceans.

The winning design will be selected and built by a professional company, before being placed on the sea floor during the Easter holidays.

Launch
Wednesday 11 February

Deadline
Friday 13 March 2026

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Vibrant After-School Life

Our Active8 programme is continuing to grow! Here is a flavour of what has been happening this week, (despite the pollution)!



Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to Printemps (Y3) who has achieved 1st Runner-Up in Class E–Girl at the Thailand Junior Pro Tour 1st Match 2026, held on 18 January 2026 at Lum Luk Ka Golf & Country Club. Through consistent training, resilience, and a strong commitment to both physical and mental preparation, Printemps continues to learn from each experience and use every competition as motivation to improve. We are proud of her dedication and look forward to seeing her progress in future events.





'Day 101' at SBS Bangkok

Friday 6th February marks a truly momentous occasion - this will be our 101st day of 'learning well and living well' at our school! We cannot let this day pass without celebrating and we have lots of things in store!

We are inviting all students from Toddlers - Y8 to dress up, either as a 101 year old person OR in clothing which celebrates the number 101! We will be in touch early next week with more details about our Friday activities. We can't wait to see all of our 101 year olds next Friday!



Sport @ SBS Bangkok

Our sports programme continues to grow and I am delighted to share the following dates for upcoming sports fixtures and events. Please save these dates and come and support our young athletes if you are able to. Good luck to all of our competitors

Swimming

February 7th Saturday | 7:00am - 5:00pm | BISAL SWIM MEET | @Basis International School

Football

February 14th (Saturday) | 8:00am - | U10 SBS Rangsit Future Stars Cup | @SBS Rangsit

Basketball

February 28th (Saturday) | 7:30am - 1:00pm | U13 STA Boys and Girls Basketball Invitational Tournament | @St Andrews International School (Gateway Ekamai)

February 28th (Saturday) | 8:00 - 3:00pm | U11 South Conference BISAL Basketball Tournament | @Basis International School

Book Week 2026!

Please note a change to the scheduled date of Book Week which will now take place between Monday 16th - Friday 20th March. This will give us all a little more time to prepare our World Book Week Character dress-up!

Our Chinese New Year Celebration - Friday 13th February



We are very excited to be celebrating Chinese New Year and the Year of the Horse on Friday 13th February. On the day, we will invite students to wear the colour red or traditional Chinese clothing. We are currently planning a day of enriching cultural experiences for the students.



Upcoming Events

- Fri 6th Feb - 101 Days at SBS Bangkok Celebrations!
* We are currently planning activities for this momentous occasion. More info to follow!
- Sat 7th Feb - BISAL Swimming Meet
- Mon 9th Feb - Fri 13th Feb Chinese New Year Celebration
- Change of date! SBS Bangkok's Inaugural Book Week 2026 - Monday 16th - Friday 20th March. With Book Week Character Dress Up day on Friday 20th March
- Global Reef Day - Wednesday 11th February 2026 (see above)

Parent ID Card & Lanyard News

Following our previous communication regarding the Parent ID Card and new lanyard update, we would like to inform you that parents may exchange their Parent ID Cards and lanyards from **Monday, 26 January onwards.**

Pick-up arrangements - End of school and ECA's.

Please also make note of the late pick-up charges which were shared on December 10th. Late pick-up fees will apply after 30 minutes from the end of school/ECA's.

Early Years

2.15pm - EY pick-up

2.30pm - Any EY children who have not been picked up will be supervised in the library.

2.45pm - Any pick-up after this point will be subject to a 'late pick-up charge' (500 Baht per hour).

3.45pm - Any ECA child who has not been picked up - late pick-up charge applies (500 Baht per hour).

Y1-8

3.10pm - Y1-Y8 Pick-up.

3.20pm - Y1-Y4 are taken to the library by supervising staff.

Parents please collect from library.

3.40pm - Any pick-up after this point will be subject to a 'late pick-up charge' (500 Baht per hour).

4.30pm - Y1-Y4 ECA children are to wait in Canteen for collection.

5.00pm - Y1-Y4 ECA children are subject to 'late pick-up charge'.





Reminders

Parent Handbook

May I politely signpost you to the Parent Handbook which is a very useful reference for you. It contains a wealth of information on our policies and processes.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t248w_jyKYIAtYjVYcdLc0ICLPfx835p/view?usp=sharing

Communication Protocols

Line Application - This is only to be used if you wish to connect with our Admissions team. Primarily this is used by prospective parents wishing to know more about the school, so busy traffic through this channel can mean a delay in response time. Please do not use the Line Application other than to discuss Admissions related issues.

Email - Google Mail (and Google Chat) - Other than a phone call or face to face meeting, this will become the only way of communicating with:

Finance (finance@sbsbangkok.ac.th);
School Manager (schoolmanager@sbsbangkok.ac.th); the
Principals (gcrumbie@sbsbangkok.ac.th and
rcrossland@sbsbangkok.ac.th);
Head of School (ncrossland@sbsbangkok.ac.th).

Closing Note

It has been a truly wonderful week, in which despite the poor air quality, learning has been uninterrupted. For some, mid-year assessments have been undertaken - these have been an opportunity for our learners to dig deep and apply the knowledge and skills they have been soaking up since the start of our school year.

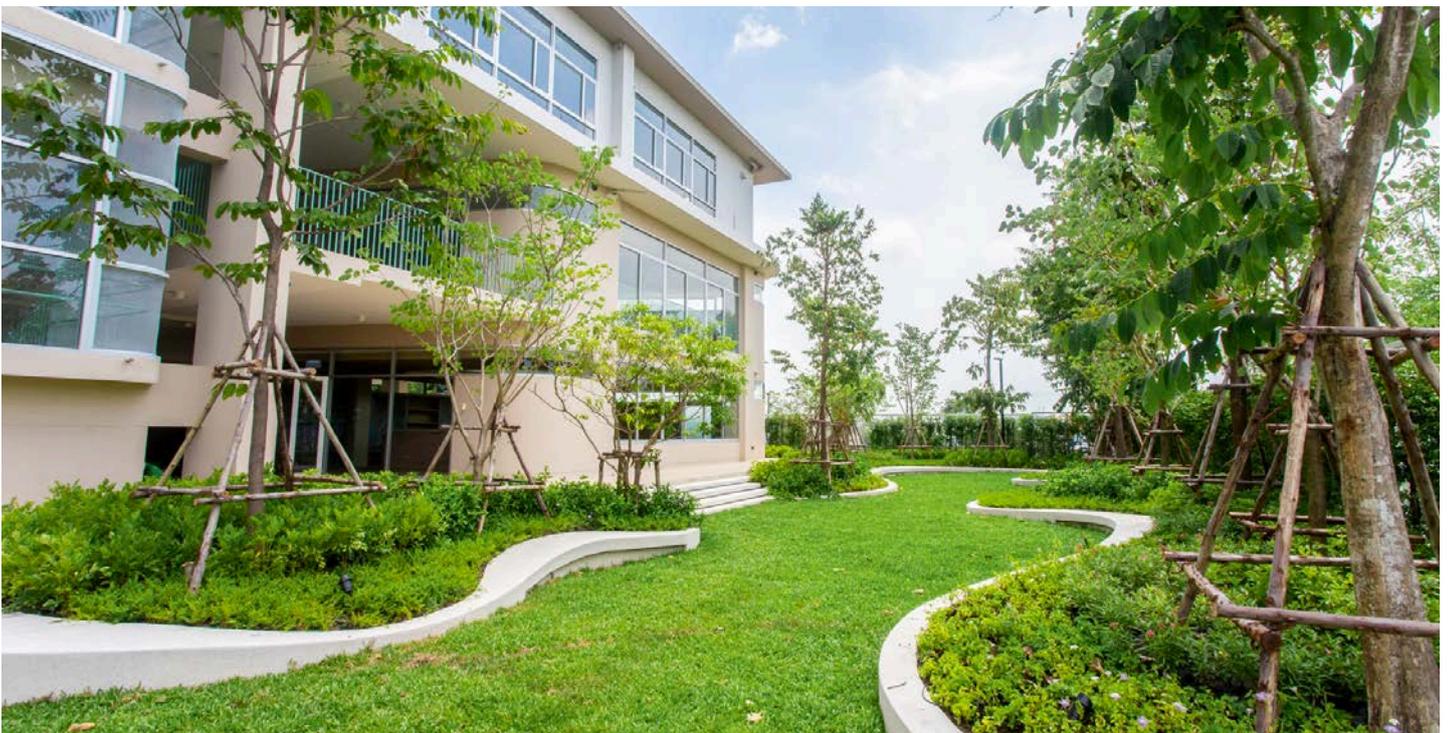
For others it has been a chance to make new friends and share new experiences with one another, participating in new school traditions and continuing to embed our SBS pioneering legacy. Our new learners who have joined us in the past several weeks are beginning to walk a little taller, showing a new found confidence as familiarity grows.

Our teachers too, are growing, with new experiences under their belt and in the planning of new pastoral and curricular initiatives which will be rolled out in due course.

All of these wonderful experiences yet again reflect our pedigree, diversity and commitment to maintaining the highest standards of education possible, and it is a privilege to be a part of.

Enjoy the weekend with your families, take care and let's hope for blue skies ahead!

Warm regards,
Rachel Crossland
EY and Primary Principal





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